



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

ATV Highway Access Committee

OPRD
Salem, OR

Tuesday, October 09, 2018

Minutes

OHV Committee Members present

Wade Bryant, Brian Worley, John Omlin, Lt. Craig Heuberger, Barrett Brown

ATV Staff present

Jan Hunt, Ian Caldwell, Mike Law, Jeff Trejo

Wade called the meeting to order at 1:02p.m.

Group reviewed minutes from August 20, 2018 meeting

Motion

To approve August 20, 2018 minutes

First – John Omlin

Second – Brian Worley

All in favor – All

Opposed - None

Motion passes

There were no public comments

Review of public meeting in Lakeside September 25

Ian - The public meeting was well attended. The Spinreel proposal was reviewed with the audience and the focus was pertaining to a specific section of Spinreel to the overpass and not into the City of Lakeside. Of note, the City of Lakeside recently voted to not collect a tax to provide law enforcement coverage which has been the source of much frustration. Six people turned in public comments and there were questions asked during the meeting by audience members. Some neighbors submitted letters of support. Darrin Neavoll (District Manager w/ODOT) was involved when the road was originally opened up a few years ago.

Review of stakeholder meetings

The first stakeholder meeting was with the City of Lakeside. The city was ok with current proposal but the conversation moved more towards opening up roads to Lakeside. There is a mixture of support

with the city. One of the Coos County Commissioner's (John Sweet) was neutral but indicated if the residents want this access, he could support the proposal.

The next stakeholder meeting was with the Coos County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Will Coleman had no issues but mentioned that kids are now operating on the road and once this proposal becomes effective, it may be an issue since kids would not be allowed to operate on the roadway. Barrett added that Sgt. Will Coleman couldn't recount a single incident on the roadway... adding that use on the roadway has been going on for a long time. John mentioned that rules may need to be changed or modified as we run through this process.

The following stakeholder meeting was with the US Forest Service. Shane Gill indicated he would check with his office but had no issues with continued use. After meeting with Shane, we walked the entire route on Spinreel Rd. The route is pretty straight with good visibility. Ian then reviewed areas along the road that were designed for camping/staging to ride right out of property.

The committee then reviewed the route from the access road to overpass. General discussion about where the turnaround point would be since there needs to be enough room to turn around prior to the overpass. 20mph is the posted speed under overpass.

Still to do

1) We need to have a deeper conversation with Darrin from ODOT regarding the proposal and to discuss his concerns. Ian and Angela will connect with Darrin.

2) We still need to work with a club but have been unsuccessful at finding a club. John mentioned Save the Riders Dunes and the Salem Sand Club. There was general discussion regarding getting club input. Barrett – I'm not sure we want to make a recommendation without having club input. Ian – we will check that box and we still need to write a report. Wade – members of the committee would be willing to help get club contact. Ian is looking to reach-out and consult with a Save the Riders Dunes representative.

Public comments will be collected until Friday October 12th.

Review of application

Rich Burkholder with Spinreel made some changes to the original application to reflect the revised route from the Spinreel access road to the overpass. The posted speed limit on Spinreel road is 40MPH with 20MPH posted signs just before the overpass.

Barrett – can we establish an end of route to sand road just before overpass? John – will these details be on the report? Furthermore, John would like to look at timeline of planned activity. Ian – will work with Angela on report details. Wade – all we can do is make a recommendation to proceed. There was general discussion regarding distance from overpass, user perspective and signage. Barrett - ask ODOT to engineer with the following concerns... and have them work it out. We'll want to communicate our concerns as users which ODOT may not understand. John – reiterated that this would be a critical component of the report.

Process

Public Comments: Barrett – we'll want to document public comments and have staff respond to each accordingly as this makes for a healthy public process. Craig – as to specifics, there may be a way to summarize versus having to address each line item.

General Process: John - we should meet with all stakeholders prior to a public meeting. There was general discussion regarding content to be inserted into the report. Barrett – how do you view that report? Ian – draft report based on what ODOT and OPRD wants with everyone's input. The input is

from the Advisory Committee and you should feel confident that it reflects the thoughts of the committee. Barrett – will the draft report circle back to committee? Wade – we'll work on timeline and make needed adjustment. Jan – this report could be a template for other applications going forward.

Signage: Barrett – we'll want to sign as a designated ATV route. Also, we'll probably want to inform the user that it's a dead end route. Wade – something like, ATV Route ends 1,000 feet. There was general discussion as to where the south end of the route ends. General discussion – we'll need to keep in mind parking as it relates to Spinreel Rental. The south end of the route would need to be just south of the Spinreel lot. Other potential signage would indicate “no dune access” and that the route ends in .8 mile. Ian – another issue is the Forest Service road vs the state highway. There's a higher level of rules for state highways. We may need to post signs on Forest Service property vs on state highway. John – is concerned about seeing consistency across the state. Craig – there are some rules that are unique to this process. General discussion – here's an opportunity to provide enforcement rules so there's no guesswork. Bottom line is that people don't read regulations. John – maybe we approach this from an education standpoint... entering highway access route and it ends here. Wade – “so many feet and no dune access”. John – maybe we can put out educational pamphlets. Wade - the pamphlet should show the route. There was additional discussion regarding sign communication such as... insurance requirement, driver's license, age and helmet requirements. We'll want to make changes to the OHV Guide and online.

Draft Report

Wade – we have a few loose ends that we need to tie up. John – when will rough draft of report be ready? Ian will need to circle back with Angela. John – give them everything and summarize... and give them all the supporting documentation. As an example, 6 of the 8 comments dealt with signage. You'll want to also include the stakeholder list and when the contact was made along with any notable items.

Wade – are we comfortable with the input moving forward? Barrett – this could hold up as the last in person meeting regarding this application. Wade – we should think of the process “yay” or “nay” to proceed with the report. Do we proceed with a provisional directive to staff to generate the report? We basically approve of the project and final approval can be made via phone or email. Today we are recommending proceeding. John – maybe we set another meeting with all face to face and review draft of report. Now, it becomes a working session... do we agree? Barrett – could we vote on a provisional approval to keep moving forward?

Review Process

Some changes made to the order of process. There was general discussion on review process and recommendations. We are advisory and may make recommendation. There was also general discussion regarding on the status of an application, even those that don't meet criteria to be provided to ODOT. Brian – we should have a public record of those that don't meet the criteria.

Other potential applications

General discussion of other potential applications – Silver Lake is the closest to an application. Ian has had contact with Lakeview as well as the Florence area. John – Florence will be a couple years out.

Meeting adjourned 3:05pm